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RE: REPLY TO MAY 18, 2004 OFFICE ACTION  
 FOR: SERIAL NUMBER 10/065,683; ART UNIT 2882; FILED 11/8/2002;  
 EXAMINER: CHIH CHENG G. KAO  
 TITLE: IONIC PRE-CONCENTRATION XRF DETECTION AND ANALYSIS DEVICE,  
 SYSTEM AND METHOD

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find a detailed 134-page reply to the above-referenced office action, plus three (3) drawing replacement sheets.

The total number of claims has been increased from 121 to 200, and the number of independent claims has been increased from 2 to 16, which is 13 independent claims above the 3 claims covered by the base filing fee. Thus, at the small entity rate, a total of \$1270 is due for these additional claims. Further, \$55 is due for the first month extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1).

A credit card payment form for \$1325 is attached to cover all fees.

By and with this reply, I hereby request further examination and consideration of this application, with the amendments submitted, described and supported herein.

Very Truly Yours,

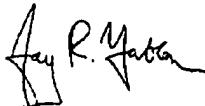


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